

ZERO AND THE MAGIC DRAGON

zero – conspiracy expert
dragon – elmo – invisible dragon who controls a puppet...

the public doesn't suspect anything magic because zero is seen with a simple puppet on his back,

OUR STORY BEGINS

zero was an orphan in a land whose wealth and people were divided by 2 mountains, he lived in the impoverished region, helping around at the university hospital

zero, a quiet orphan kid, works as IT at a castle in a kingdom of 3 tiers, with significant differences in living quality, he builds gadgets and is tactical, engineering useful tools to automate all kinds of tasks, such as making the bed, all with natural organic materials that he sources from the royal farm...

from the tier which is impoverished, brought to the castle after the priest (ministry of energy) receives letter offering the king a way to send mail electronically, as mailing letters from the king to their rural area was basically crossing crocodiles and piranhas,

so all of their year's mail would have to wait for the only time a mailman made the trip, for taxes... the mailman would have a hard time making it back with the massive stack of letters, and this caused many logistical problems between the government and this township receiving resources, even though they paid their taxes.

the main communication method between this area and the rest of the kingdom, was done by morse code on a long electrical wire tied to two cups, that spanned the entire kingdom... zero was able to work at the medical institute of his town's university because he was very fast and accurate with these signals, which were often misinterpreted or mis-composed, which was an issue

the university had pioneered a computing system with electricity, it would surely earn the town a grant, but it was massive and couldn't be presented to the king. the ministry of energy made arrangements to come and see the computer, and learn to reproduce it. he and his crew, had trouble reverse-engineering or understanding the system, and began accusing the university of fraud. Zero, being the operator, was tasked to deliver a message to the king saying "this is BS, send an army to arrest these people and escort my team back safely" in the morning,

that night zero observed them tinkering w the computer and began to help, eventually demonstrating the computer did in fact operate as advertised, and asked if the message should still be sent.
in a rush to bring this technology to the king, he instructed zero to forget about the messages, and prepare to come along.
the priest took the cable and input "WOW", easy enough message to convey success to the king

(they received the message "LOL" a typo)

the priest notices his electrical engineering & IT potential (zero basically invented email to help the nice hospital secretaries, they couldnt keep up with mail due to lack of paper. he didnt think of it as a technology but rather as just a system)

as a young man, zero has the unique perspective of the different classes, and his dream is to bring the 3rd tier out of poverty.
thinks the kingdom could be even greater if the infrastructure was based on the materials he uses... but the material is publicly illegal, and because it is tied to a black-budget operation, the kingdom only grows it privately... if the 2nd tier was aware, they would overthrow the kingship immediately and execute their bloodline
(as the current regime had done to the previous regime)

zero knows that the source of the top-tier kingdom's wealth is from covert top-secret global drug trafficking operation, and maintaining the impoverished tier is the source of labor to run the operation
the operation is ran by a parallel lineage to the king, who is basically kept secret.

there is global animosity between kingdoms, due to a pattern of agreements ending in both kingdoms having their women raped by the other...
it is a global stalemate preventing globalized progress. technologies are exclusive to the kingdoms they were developed in...

automobiles

air planes

computers

domestic appliances

antibiotics

though the kingdom does not have a steel industry, zero has reproduced a few basic foreign-technologies using the plant materials for proto-types.
the kingdom having electricity as its main energy resource feels that plant technology is a step backwards, and doesnt compliment their existing infrastructure.

... the king becomes concerned about the safety of his only daughter, who is becoming suspicious about the dual-operation, questioning her father's ties to the mafia

the king rejects the idea, and tells her the future of the kingdom is going to come by unifying with other kingdoms all over the world, and she better stop speaking conspiracies because she is going to be the ambassador. other kingdoms would see the daughter, her demeanor, intelligence and beauty, and take it as a symbol of the wholesome culture that should be spread to ensure superiority throughout the globe.

decides to send her to his cousin's castle in another land, escorted by one of the king's priests

zero has a crush on the princess, and after investigating realizes the priest is a pedo who's other family runs a double covert operation sex trafficking
zero tries to convince the king to not send her with priest but can't explain his reasoning since he only knows about everything due to being the IT guy...
if anyone were to know about the king's hidden family running drugs they would be executed even the princess doesn't know about it

zero defended his ability to protect the princess through strategic thinking & technology, rather than physical strength
the king laughed at zero, agreeing that physical strength was not the sole-factor
as a fair compromise, he proposed that if zero could move the cornerstone, which the king's strongest men couldn't move
he would acknowledge zero's ability to escort the princess, but only if the princess did not mind

the king asks the princess what she thinks about being escorted by the priest,
the princess doesn't particularly like the priest, but he seems weak-willed and figures she can get rid of him once she settles into her new castle.
she thinks of zero as a weirdo and suspects IT people to be perverts (irony)
she doesn't care either way and jokingly says they can rock paper scissors about it.

zero decides he may have to kill the priest and hide the body himself... somewhere within the royal grounds so that if found, it stays internal, but ideally where no one would find him at all...
so using lidar he discovers a hidden chamber underground that can only be accessed by the sea,
he goes to check it out and finds a solomonic temple...

finds a ring that gives him authority over "magic worm"

eventually the priest becomes aware of zero's discovery and tells zero he will renounce the escort position if zero takes him to the temple
the priest claims the caves riches, but zero had the map so it should be his discovery (despite their agreement, zero now believes the king will acknowledge him for finding the temple, so he doesn't require the priest to resign...
when they reach the temple, priest's two guards pull out swords and cross them around zero's neck,
"sorry boy, scissors beats paper"

before they can finish the job, a rock splits from the ceiling and crushes the guards instantly...
the voice that zero was trying to ignore says WOCK BEATSH SHCISHOS

zero takes the sword and although he feels it is wrong to kill the priest....

as the princess' escort, killing those who wish her harm may be necessary

when zero is about to swing, he looks and the priests head is already gone...
the other sword is floating mid-air, but zero can see make out a figure...

during this scene there is a fire which is pouring into the water, causing a lot of steam.
the crystals light-bending properties mixed with the steam reveal the dragon's form and contours

this is the moment zero and the dragon meet face to face, and become best friends
the dragon has the personality of scooby-doo if he was also an assassin who could manipulate giant stone

in the midst of all the noise going on about the priests disappearance, zero says he doesnt want to be viewed as suspect, so he will deny the escort position unless he earns it by moving the cornerstone.

zero makes an elaborate contraption that is made to appear like some sort of sound anti-gravity thing used to make the pyramids
the dragon would secretly be the one to move the stone, but upon setting it back down, there was a tiny pebble that cause the cornerstone to crack and fall apart...

zero thought it was all over... but the king forgot all about the perfect cornerstone witnessing the antigravity...

zero said there were disciplines from other lands that he believes are the key to pressure points, which like the pebble, could extract
the materials for cornerstones from mountains in single, calculated precision strikes

the king wanted to keep zero to oversee this development, but he kept his honor and assigned Zero to escort the princess to each kingdom,
the ability to understand each kingdom's technologies, as well as to demonstrate their own, would ensure the integrity of unification processes.
And though his daughter was fierce, other kingdoms would not be worried about zero, since he could speak to people with a gentle tongue, rather than the declarative tone present throughout the royal council.

they were given the kingdom's only naval vessel the SS ANNE which was confiscated during the previous regime. the ship was clearly fucked up, and they wouldve definitely not made it across the sea, but the dragon told zero he would seal the ship and ensure they would be safe from pirates, by creating a hurricane around them, as they stayed safe in the eye.

they departed and zero carried a massive cable to lay on the seabed. once they arrived, he would send the king a message to let him know all is well
the king said yes, i will be waiting for the LOL. godspeed MY DAUGHTER, and her hero ZERO!